

**ABSTRACT**

5 A method of monitoring a network of devices comprising defining at least two  
types of device, and monitoring the different types of device using different  
monitoring procedures, either interrogating said devices at different intervals or  
interrogating said devices using different protocols .The defined types of device  
comprise core devices and edge devices. The method also comprises determining  
10 the number of devices in the network to be monitored, and changing the  
monitoring intervals for each type of device in accordance with the determined  
number.

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